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1. MTN DEL (MCNAMARA, NEWKIRK AND SWAIN) MET WITH

MIZOGUCHI, DEPUTY HEAD OF JAPANESE DELEGATION, TO CONVEY PER REFTEL US DISAPPOINTMENT WITH THE POSITION JAPAN HAS TAKEN SUPPORTING EC ON PROCEDURAL AGRICULTURAL ISSUES IN VARIOUS MTN FORA. WE INDICATED PARTICULAR CONCERN OVER APPARENT JAPANESE POSITION IN REGARD TO QR CONSULTATION AND URGED THAT THEY AGREE TO DISCUSS AGRICULTURAL QR UNDER NTM QR SUBGROUP PROCEDURES. WE ALSO STRESSED WHAT US CONSIDERS TO BE NEGATIVE CONSEQUENCES OF ESTABLISHING SEPARATE PROCEDURES FOR AGRICULTURE AND ITS EFFECT ON THE ATTAINMENT OF US AND JAPANESE OBJECTIVES IN THE MTN.

2. MIZOGUCHI, CLAIMING UNFAMILIARITY WITH SUBLESS OF PROCEDURAL DISPUTE, STATED THAT JAPAN'S POSITION ON AGRICULTURE SHOULD NOT SURPRISE US AS IT HAS NOT CHANGED SINCE INCEPTION OF THE NEGOTIATIONS AND IS CONSISTENT WITH OBJECTIVES OF TUKYP DECLARATION. JAPAN VIEWD NEGOTIATIONS AS A SHOLE BUT ENVISAGED THE PROCEDURES ESTABLISHED FOR THE NEGOTIATIONS WOULD HAVE TO BE MODIFIED TO TAKE INTO ACCOUNT SPECIAL CHARACTERISTICS OF AGRICULTURE SECTOR.

3. MIZOGUCHI EXPRESSED VIEW THAT THE PROCEDURAL DIFFERENCES ON HOW TO HANDLE QR CONSULTATIONS ON AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS SHOULD BE SETTLED QUICKLY TO ENABLE NEGOTIATIONS TO PROCEED. JAPAN HAD HOPED LAST AGRICULTURE GROUP MEETING WOULD GIVE "BLESSING" TO QR SUBGROUP PROCEDURES AND THAT AGRICULTURAL QRS COULD THUS BE DEALT WITH. HE EXPRESSED DISAPPOINTMENT THAT THIS ISSUE WAS NOT SETTLED AND JAPAN IS NOW PREPARED TO WAIT FOR THE SEPTEMBER 22 AGRICULTURE MEETING BEFORE ENTERING INTO QR CONSULTATIONS. IF JAPAN WAS REQUESTED TO HOLD QR CONSULTATIONS BEFORE THIS MEETING, JAPAN WOULD BE FORCED TO TAKE A POSITION THAT CONSULTATIONS START WITH INDUSTRIAL QRS PENDING RESOLUTION OF AGRICULTURAL DISPUTE. HE DID NOT FORESEE THIS HAPPENING HOWEVER, AND HE DID NOT FORESEE JAPANESE REPOSE TO US LETTER AND OTHER DELEGATIONS' REQUESTS FOR QR CONSULTATIONS BEFORE PROCEDURAL DISPUTE SETTLED IN AGRICULTURE GROUP. HE PROMISED CONSULT WITH US BEFORE ANY RESPONSE WAS SENT.

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4. WE REITERATED THE SERIOUSNESS THE US VIEWS THE PROCEDURAL AGRICULTURAL ISSUE AND URGED JAPAN TO RESPOND POSITIVELY TO US REQUEST FOR BILATERAL QR CONSULTATIONS ON ALL PRODUCTS UNDER AUSPICES OF NTM SUBGROUP ON QRS. JAPAN'S ACTIONS THUS FAR HAD BEEN INTERPRETED AS ATTEMPTING TO EXCLUDE AGRICULTURE FROM THE REST OF THE NEGOTIATIONS; WE FOUND THIS SURPRISING IN VIEW JAPAN'S EXPRESSED

DESIRE TO ACHIEVE FURTHER LIBERALIZATION OF INDUSTRIAL
TRADE AND SECURITY OF SUPPLIES.

5. MIZGUCHI TOOK NOTE OF OUR VIEWS AND SAID HE WOULD
INFORM TOKYO. MCNAMARA

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